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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,12,13,16-18 and 20-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,12,13,16-18 and 20-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment was received on October 31, 2005 and has been entered and made of record. Claims 1-7, 9, 12-13, 16-18 and 20-26 remain pending. Claims 8, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 19 have been canceled.

Applicant arguments have been reviewed and are moot in view of new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12, 13, 16-18, 20, 21, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoshino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,204).

Regarding claim 1, Hoshino et al. discloses a device for determining the media type of source media, comprising:

a light source positioned to illuminate at least a portion of the source media (fig. 2, light source 34);

a sensor positioned relative to said light source to view at least a portion of the source media illuminated by said light source (fig. 2, CCD 37); and

a controller connected to said sensor (fig. 1, CPU 1, col. 4, lines 54-57); and

a scan module for scanning the source media, said scan module connected to said controller, wherein said controller is configured to determine, based on data received from said sensor sensing the illuminated source media, the media type of the source media (col. 6, lines 36-38) and said controller is further configured to interpret scan data received from said scan module based on said determination (col. 8, lines 36-51).

Regarding claim 4, Hoshino discloses the device of claim 1, wherein said sensor is a photoelectric cell (fig. 2).

Regarding claim 5, Hoshino discloses the device of claim 1, wherein said sensor is a charge-coupled device (fig. 2).

Regarding claim 6, Hoshino discloses the device of claim 1, wherein the source media is interposed between said light source and said sensor (fig. 2).

Regarding claim 7, Hoshino discloses the device of claim 1, wherein the source media has a surface, and wherein said light source and said sensor both face said surface (fig. 2).

Regarding claim 9, Hoshino discloses a method for adjusting the interpretation of scanned data based on the type of source media scanned, comprising:

illuminating at least a portion of the source media (fig. 2);
sensing at least part of the illuminated portion of the source media (fig. 2, sensor 37); and
determining the media type of the source media based on said sensing (col. 8, lines 36-51).

Regarding claim 12, Hoshino discloses the method of claim 9, wherein said determining comprises selecting one of a plurality of preset media types based on said sensing (col. 8, lines 36-51).

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Regarding claim 13, Hoshino discloses the method of claim 9, wherein said determining comprises determining the translucency of the source media based on said sensing (col. 8, line 52 through col. 9 line 28).

Regarding claim 16, the arguments analogous to those presented for claim 1 are applicable to claim 16.

Regarding claim 17, the arguments analogous to those presented for claim 12 are applicable to claim 17.

Regarding claim 18, the arguments analogous to those presented for claim 13 are applicable to claim 18.

Regarding claims 20, 21, 23 and 25, please refer to col. 8, lines 35-64 of Hoshino.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoshino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,204).

Regarding claims 2 and 3, Kurosawa does not identify the type of illumination source, however, LED's and incandescent lights are commonly used in film scanning art. Therefore, it

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would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use either LED's or incandescent lights for illumination of the media.

Claims 22, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoshino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,204) and further in view of Fujinawa (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0012827).

Regarding claims 22, 24 and 26, Kurosawa does not address an opaque media, however, Fujinawa discloses reading images from originals other than film, such as, transparent, translucent or opaque (page 6, [0116]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Hoshino and Fujinawa's invention to read different type of media and to identify the type of media scanned.

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (703)306-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L Coles, Sr. can be reached on (703)305-4712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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